NEITHER WILL TELL

TRANGE CASE OF ASSASSINATION IN RAWLING COUNTY.

Ranchman Gilmore's Neighbors Flud Him Dying From the Effects of a Load of Buckshot, and Hear His Story of a Jilted Sweetheart, Whose Name He Will Not Tell, Who had Sworn Vengeance-Poss Arrests a Lone Woman, Who Gives Her Name But Will Say Nothing of Having Shot Anybody.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 28.-George W. Gilmore, a wealthy rancher in Rawlins rounty, was assassinated last Saturday bening shot as he sat at his supper table by some unknown, who fired a load of buckshot through the window. A strange woman, who gives her name as Prudence Holbert, is in juil, charged with the crime.

Neighbors found Gilmore in a dying condition, and when they asked him if he had any enemies he confessed that he had jilted a girl at his old home in Orange county, N. Y., and that she had threatened to kill him. He said he had ately received a warning from her that he had only a short time to live. He de-plind to give her name or any further in-

formation about her.

Neighbors formed a posse and went out, hoping to run down the assassin.

Near the Nebraska line, fleeing northward on foot, they captured a lone wa-man, who gave her name as Prudence Holbrt. When taken before the dead body of Gilmore, she was greatly dis-turbed, but she positively refused to say whence she came or that she knew anything of the murder or the murdered

SMALL PAY AND SCANT FOOD. Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 28.—A serious riot occurred this afternoon at Aqueduct, four miles from this city, on the Erie canal, where 200 Italians are employed on the canal improvement. A body of about 150 men from this city who are employed, marched down with guns, cle. knives, clubs, tackaxes, etc., carrying a red flag and compelling the men to stop working. The sheriff and a large force of depades quelled the riot and arrested stand the ringleaders. Early this morning the mob attempted to burn a shanty where fifty men worked. The city is full of angry Italians and trouble is expected. Small pay and excessive prices for food are the causes of the trouble.

DENVER BANK WRECKERS. Denver, Colo., Dec. 28.—Judge Hallett today overruled two motions made by the attorneys for O. E. Miller, C. H. Dowes and Sydney E. McClurken, the convicted Commercial bankwreckers. One motion was for a new trial, and the other for an arrest of judgment. Sentence was not passed, as Judge Hallett has allowed the attorneys until January 22 to prepare the cases for presentation to the supreme court of the United States. Miller was taken to pall this afternoon, having falled to find bonds-

CHINESE JUSTICE.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—According to the latest advices from the Orient, Li Ka Cauck, the superintendent of the Canton police, on November 23, seized a large number of counterfeit Chinese coins and materials for their manufacture. The federates, Chan Mui, Tee Sang, and others were arrested. An imperial decree from Peking commanded the immediate decapitation of the three above named offenders, and enjoins the viceroy to deal with the others as he thinks necessary, according to law, as a warning in the future to the people. The officials who effected the seizure were all promoted in rank. The Canton viceroy reported in tion at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—A college for the revival of the mysteries of facial lost his life. A decree was issued on the 19th of November, authorizing the officials concerned in the capture to the official to the official concerned to another memorial the capture of two nobe promoted in rank and that the matter of a military officer baving lost his life be referred to the board concerned, for rewards and posthumous honors.

EASY ENOUGH TO "CHARGE." Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 28.—Judge Owen today in charging the grand jury gave special attention to the recent lynching of Holt. He requested the jury to ther-oughly investigate the matter and indict any person participating in the mob. He said the jury could and must find out who composed the mob and must indict them for murder. He made an order giving a change of venue to Muhlenberg county for the trial of the accessories of Holt and ordered them CALLS OUT THE MILITIA.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28.—Governor and the successor of Mme. Blavatsky; Bradley has had several companies of Mr. Judge, Mr. E. T. Hargrave, the presthe Second regiment of the state militial practically under arms for forty-eight oractically under arms for forty-eight sours, owing to the fear that an attempt would be made to lynch Johnson Howe. the negro being held at Paris for the in their tour of the world by Mrs. Allce murder of Policeman Charles Lacey at Cleather, wife of Colonel Cleather of the Cynthania. The governor is supposed to British a call out the militia only at the request of England. lynchings recently and the sheriffs baye been so inactive that Governor Bradley has prepared to act on his own responsi-

POLICE ON A HAND CAR. Fort Scott, Kan., Dec. 28.-Two police men on a hand car this afternoon chased



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the W transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper ef forts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condi-tion of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal all important, in order to get its benechase, that you have the genuine arti-cle, which is manufactured by the Cali-fornia Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by

d toe system is regular, laxatives or er remedies are then not needed. If icted with any actual disease, one to be commended to the most skillful ans, but if in need of a laxative, ald have the best, and with the

"Mend it or End it,"

has been the rallying cry of reform, directed against abuses municipal or social.

For the man who lets himself be abused by a cough the cry should be modified to: Mend it, or it'll end you. You can mend any cough with

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

ed to have broken into the residence of Mrs. I. Stradden, a wealthy widow, and to have robbed two stores here last night. The men were armed and one of them made a desperate resistance. They were caught on the Missouri, Kansas-and Texas railroad. Expert skeleton keys were found on them. The burglers stole twenty watches and five pistols and other valuables from the stores of C. Smith and George Reed.

A WOMAN SANDBAGGED. Denver, Col., Dec. 28.—For ten days Miss Annie N. Stephens, step-daughter of J. L. Hodges, deputy county cierk, has been lying speechless and paralyzed. The opinion of physicians, supported by circumstances of the case, indicates that the young lady was sandbagged as she was entering her home.

THURSTON IN MARTIAL MOOD With the Renowned P. Henry, He Repeats:

Omaha, Dec. 28.-Senator Thurston talked on war tonight before a large crowd-members of the Chautauqua Cir-He created considerable enthusi-

The senator discussed Cuba from the standpoint of one who had fully made up his mind what the situation called for. In beginning he announced his intention of his speech, his words gave the pression that he would be a little disap-pointed if that action failed to bring on a war. He declared that he did not want war, but there were worse things. As had been said by an Omaha preacher, "War is God's thunderstorm, which clears the atmosphere." All through his-tory war had been the most powerful war that had for its purpose liberty and justice, was God's war, and worked out God's purpose in the double for the purpose in the double for the form of the form God's purpose in the destinles of man-

cast his vote for the recognition of Cu-ban independence with the full know-ledge that such action was fraught with grave danger tot our national peace. Spain was the descendant of an aristo cratic family, and was tenacious of fam ily pride. He seriously apprehended that when this country placed itself on record for Cuban regeognition the Span-ish ministry would declare war on the United States, regardless of the conse

quences.

Referring to Cuba, the speaker said that the situation was a blot on the civ-ilized world, and a reproach to every American citizen. Its condition called for patrotic action by every lover of lib-erty on this side of the ocean.

MYSTERIES OF ANTIQUITY Theosophists to Erect an Unique Institu

cuitists generally, believe that it is the cradle of the coming race. The funds for the erection of the occult temple have aiready been subscribed. Such an insti-tution was the cherished wish of Madame tution of the kind in the modern world. The college will be open to all without charge. Next March several leading the-June 13 to make a tour of the world, ident of the Theosophical society in America: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Falls-wright, Mr. H. T. Patterson and Mr. F. M. Pierce. These were joined later on in their tour of the world by Mrs. Alice

SIX-DAYS RACE IN WASHINGTON Ten of the Eleven Contestants Remain as

the End of the Firss Day. Bald, bicycle champion of America, started an eight hours a day, six days international bicycle contest at Coving-

Teddy Hale, the winner of the recent Madison Square Garden contest; Ned Reading and John Johnson withdrew at

ie last moment.

The starters were as follows: C. W. shinger, Albert Shock and Frank Walr, Germany; C. Chappe, England; Fred
orster, Germany; Albert Hunter,
rance; H. H. Maddox, Frank Albert
and Dudley Marks, England; George H.
kall and John Lawson Sweden. Ball and John Lawson, Sweden.

The hall is arranged so that an ice enclosure is left for skaters while around it circles the newly lait track, slanting at the turns at an angle of 30 degrees. Ten circuits of the track constitute a

Ten circuits of the track constitute a mile. Outside of this are arranged the tiers of scats for spectators.

At 3 o'clock Lawson scored thirteen miles and was in the lead, riding strong. miles and was in the lead, riging strong. Waller and Ashington were next to score thirteen miles but were one lap back of Lawson. Maddox, Chappe, Ball and Shock followed in the order named. Alris brought up the rear nearly a mile

When the racers concluded for

Muddox, 147 miles, 7 laps; Waller, 147.7; Ashinger, 146.9; Lawson, 144.8; Hunter, 144.7; Foster, 142.7; Ball, 142.9; Chapple, 141.7; Shock, 139.8; Albert, 130.6.

DAY'S NEWS OF FAILURES

Assignments. Receiverships, Foreclos and Financial Disasters Generally. Chicago, Dec. 28.—The Excelsior Ma-hine and Boller Works company failed oday, with liabilities and assets each

rry goods firm of M. Frank & Co. failed today. The firm's indebtedness to local reditors amounts to \$70,000. There is

Laconia, N. H. Dec. 28.-The Laconia Car company was petitioned into an involuntary insolvency today. The total liabilities are placed at \$517,000 and assets at \$407,000. According to a statement by the officers of the company at the close of business October 5, the total resources of the company at the close of business October 5, the total resources of the company at

TROUBLES OF CHICAGO AND THE

al Bank, of Chicago, Begins to Close up Its Affairs, Befusing Deposits and Paying Off Depositors, Partly as a Result of the Failure of the National and West Superior-Other Fallures of the Day.

Chicago, Dec. 29 .- Partly as a result of the- failure of the eBank of Illinois last week, the Atlas National Bank be gan paying off its depositors today, thus marking the first step in the retirement of that institution from business. deposits were received and as fast as accounts were checked up depositors were paid in full and their books taken

up.

The Atlas suffered heavily from the The Atlas suffered sheavily from the runs occasioned by the closing of the National Bank of Illinois, deposits aggregating \$990,000, having been withdrawn last week. This and the fact of a gradual shrinkage of deposits extending over a long period of time, brought the resources of the institution down to a law figure, and it was decided to retire from husiness.

and investigation of its accounts, with a view to allowing the doors to close without loss to the public, and the bank was found to be solvent. To expedite is-quidation so far as the creditors are concerned, the committee pledged the aid of the Associated Ranks of Chi f the Associated Banks of Chicago. Vice-President C. B. Farwell said to-

"After the depositors have been paid, I elieve that the shareholders will receive a large percentage of their interest, if not

The Atlas is a comparatively young bank. It was organized in 1887. Its statement of December 17 showed a surulus of \$140,000, and undivided profit. of \$50,000. The statement also showed deposits of \$1,860,000, bills payable to the amount of \$100,600, loans and discounts of \$1,941,000 and cash \$820,000. deposits six months ago amounted

ECKLES HAS HOPES.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Comptroller Eck-les said today that the closing of the Atlas National Bank of Chicago was en-tirely a voluntary affair and that the in-formation he had received indicated that all the bank creditors would receive payhing by the bank's liquidation, and that affairs would be settled very promptly. He had no details concerning the matter and the last report of the bank naturally showed such a different state of affairs than the bank's condition at this time that it would throw no light on the present state of the bank's finances. Mr. Eckles said the creditors of the Atlas Bank would be paid in full at once through advances by the Chicago clear-ing nouse, and, in his opinion, the stock-holders eventually would realize 100 per ent, thus losing nothing on what the

GONE DOWN IN THE WRECK. Batavia, Ill., Dec. 28.-William M. and S. Van Nortwick bankers and J. S. van Nortwick bankers and manufacturers, made an assignment to the Equitable Trust company, of Chicago. This was brought on by the Atlas National bank closing. Their property interests are heavy and they will pay out

GIVES CHARITY A BLACK EYE. Chicago, Dec. 29.—Chicago's fashiona tle folks may not dance for charity's sake at the Auditorium on the evening of January 19, 1897. "I cannot say that of January 19, 1897. "I cannot say that the plans for the charity ball will be

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 29.-A special to ing business at the East End, suspended today on account of a run which they were threatended on account of the re osophists, who are touring the world, will arrive here and select a site for the college and dedicate it. They are called the crusaders and are leading Theosophists and are leading theosophists. The bank had 25,000 capital, and \$6,00 capital cent failure. An assignment was made by the directors to Henry S. Butler, who the crusaders and are leading Theoso-phists, who started from New York on June 13 to make a tour of the world a constant menace, and a slight run was teaching theosophy and brotherhood.

They are Mra K. A. Ting'ey, who is at present the leader of the Theosophists posits are mostly in small amounts and posits are mostly in small amounts, and the bank expects to be able to liquidate in full unless there is a continual decline in assets. The city of Superior has \$13,-210 in the bank, making nearly \$30,000 lost by the city during the past week. West Superior, Wis. Dec. 28.—The Bank of Superior, which suspended toarmy, ad Rev. Mr. Williams of day, was capitalized at \$25,000, and had \$6,000 surplus. Its deposits at this time were about \$100,000, and the city, as usual, is caught in the affair, for about \$13,-\$13,000. The bank was organized in

MINNEAPOLIS FAILURE. Washington, Dec. 28.-A shot fired at Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 28.-The 15 o'clock from a postol held by Eddic Scandia, a small concern of this city. ments this noon upon the advice of Bank Examiner Kenyon. President Snyde says that he believes the creditors will eventually be paid in full. According to the last report the bank had resources amounting to \$432,000. The time and demand deposits amount to over \$200. 000. The suspension is due to the ins-bility to realize on the securities, con-

eisting mostly of real estate. JUST QUITTING BUSINESS. Kansas City, Dec. 28.—The McCoy Banking company, of Independence, Mo., went into voluntary liquidation today in compliance with an order made at a meeting of the board of directors held on December 23. The bank refused to receive deposits this morning and began paying the depositors in full. The reason given for the bank going out of business is that its president, William McCoy, is too advanced in years to manage its affairs longer. The capital stock of the bank is \$50,000. The bank's deposits amounts to about \$55,000 and it has outstanding loans of \$72,000.

Take Laxative Brome Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it

Fitz's Progress to New York. Denver, Colo., Dec. 28.-Robert Fitzsimmons and party left for Omaha on their way to New York, this morning.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuta Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fe blains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay re-quired. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded 25 cents per box. For sale at Geo. Van Werden's Pharmacy, 228 North Main street, and G. Gehring's drug store,

MORE BANKS BREAK LUXURIES FOR THE INSANE. If They Have Money Their Expensiv Tastes Are Indulged.

Although as a rule patients in an asy-lum for the insane differ little in their habits from the ordinary run of rational NORTHWEST CONTINUE,

persons, some have queer fads, es-pecially in the matter of diet. One male patient in the Bloomingdale asylum at White Plains, N. Y., insists upon having an omelet every morning for breakfast and refuses to eat anything until he is given one.

A female patient declines to eat food which is not brought to her in the original inal package, so she may open it her self. After it is opened, she insists upon keeping the contents constantly under her supervision. She will eat none but raw eggs, breaking the shell herself. She eats oranges and bananas only when allowed to peel them herself. She imagines that her food will be poisoned unless she protects herself in this

In a large asylum like Bloomingdale there is always a number of patients that imagine that their food will be poisoned, and consequently flatly re-fuse to eat. All the food such patients get has to be passed through a tube into their stomachs. One woman at Bloomingdale imagines that on account of some great sin which she has committed all her food is cursed and she has to be artificially fed.

There is no restriction on a patient's diet if he can afford to satisfy his whims, except to keep him within the bounds of hygienic law. Many of the inmates, seared in luxury, have champagne appetites, and they do not go unsatisfied if they have money enough to pay for wine. A small supply of champagne is always kept at the lum. Not infrequently the friends of the wealthy patients visit them and bring lunch and champagne, which are often served in the patient's private apartment, but always under the supervision of an asylum attendant.

Many patients demand rare game in season and often out of season, and they get it if they can afford it. Some have extravagant tastes in cigars, and while a 15-cent cigar is the best kept in stock at the asylum, the authorities place no restriction on friends sending in cigars of any grade. Cigars and smoking tobacco are scheduled as luxuries and are charged to the patients who use them .- N. Y. World.

LIKE EGYPTIAN PLAINS.

illar Effect of the Hayfields in California in Early Evening.

To properly care for hay has always been a hard problem for the rancher of California. The danger of spontaneous combusiton made it unwise to put it in a barn, as the event of fire only made the loss that much greater. Covering it with tarpaulins and leaving it in the field has long been the accepted method, although sure to cause some loss on account of rain producing mold on the top of the stack. But It was the best known, and the loss less then the loss of a barn and possibly several head of stock.

The latest method adopted by the ranchers of Alameda county is to construct a sort of framework of scantlings and cover it with thin canvas. This method keeps the canvas some distance from the hay, and at the same time sheds the water as well as the roof of a barn. It also has the advantage of be-

ing cheap.

The effect produced on the landscape by this method, however, is most startling and calculated to make a man rub his eyes the first time he sees a field covpyramids. Houses are scarce down that vay, so that there is nothing to jar on the Impression. For 20 miles along the bey shore almost any part of it looks like the plains of Egypt. Only the trees and the strange-looking stacks, shaped exactly like the great

pyramids, are to be seen. They are scattered all over the fields. and large enough to dwarf most of the other objects in the landscape. Some of these stacks are at least 40 feet high and few less than 30. The small oaks and young encalyptus trees help out

In the early evening, when there just light enough to make out the different objects, the effect shows to the best advantage. The canvas ceases to be canvas and becomes stone. The different pyramids seem to rise to twice their real size. Nothing is wanted to make the beholder think he is in the land of the Nile, and if he has ever been there he will instinctively stop and listen, expecting to hear the cry of the donkey boys urging thir unwilling

beasts to action.—Chicago News. POISONS IN FAIR BLOSSOMS.

Warning to These Who Sleep in Ec-with Flowers or Plants. One by one illusions are dispelled, and the case of the young woman who the other day was overcome by the perfume of a mass of violets sent her by a friend adds another wreck to the list of broken idols. It has always been considered the most beautiful compli ment one could pay a friend to send flowers, roses or violets, especially as a token of affection. But now that it is known that deadly poisons lurk among these charming little blossoms

The story of this young woman's nar row escape, as told, was a surprise to many who had never realized that there was any danger in flowers. The hundreds of beautiful violets which had been sent her by a friend in California, and which she prized so highly as not to wish to be parted from them even during the night, came near being the cause of her death, for she was found in an unconscious condition in the

which may bring harm to offset the

How dangerous the poisoned gases which the flowers exhale can become when in a badly ventilated room, would be a good subject for study by the belles of society or the stage, who receive so many similar tributes to their charms

Dr. Foyler, of this city, who was asked his opinion on the subject, said that many cases of dangerous illness and ewn death from such causes were

"The plants, especially flowering ones," Dr. Fowler said, "during the day are not harmful, because they are breathing in just the part of the all which our lungs throw off; but at night

VISITS THE MAJOR

SENATOR WOLOOTT IS A NOTED GUEST AT CANTON.

Bas a Long Talk With the President-Elec Later Giving Out the Information That stienal Bimetalliem Was the Sob Which it May be Sought to Effect it-Welcott Also Visits Chairman Hanna Now Restored to Health,

Cleveland, O., Dec. 28.-Senator Wolott of Colorado, who arrived in Cleve and vesterday morning and later held Hanna, departed from Canton today to visit Major McKinley. The Colorado senator insisted that his call upon Chairman Hanna was of a strictly social nature, and that he was going to Canto merely to pay his respects to the president-elect.

Chairman Hanna, who suffered from slight illness during a portion of last week, has entirely recovered and is again in the best of health.

Canton, O., eDc. 28.-Among this morning's callers at the McKinley residence, where United States Senator Wolcott, of Denver, Colo., and Secretary Mercer, of the Republican congressions committee, from Omaha, Neb. cer was one of the earliest callers of the dent-elect. Senator Wolcott, however was in earnest conference with Maj McKinley for over two hours. He sal to the Associated Press this afternoon: "I came to Canton to call on the pres dent-elect to further the cause of inte national bimetallism, the United States senate having appointed a committee of five, of which I was made chairman, to prepare a bill in the interest of this

has the legislation which his committee will propose substantially outlined and prepared, and that its provisions were under discussion at the conference morning. When asked if Major Mc-Kinley had taken up the matter with

him, he said: "I am giad to say that the incoming president was deeply interested in the cause of bimetallism. We went over the subject at considerable length, and he was earnest in his desire that the Republican platform pledge for the fur-therance of an international agreement should be promptly made good by proper egislative action."

The bill will provide for the appoint ment of a commission to confer with the representatives of other nations to take towards expediting an internaional agreement

NO CONTEST IN KENTUCKY

I welve Electors For McKinley and One for Bryan, Stands. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 28.-Kentucky's vote of twelve electors for McKinley and one for Bryan is final. The time has expired in which the Bryan men were permitted to file a notice of contest and Chairman Roberts of the ce of contest served on Bryan Elector Smith was simply a strategic move and that it will not be pushed.

Hood's Sarsuparilla cures rheumatism by neutralizing the acidity of the blood which causes the disease.

teria with some people, and even death. "A case is known, which happened not very long ago in Germany, in one of the Hesses, where the friends of a bride and groom, in their desire to start them on their career on a rosy pathway, adorned their room with quantities of flowers. It was in cold weather, and the windows were closed. leaving the air heavy with perfumes. The happy couple retired to their rosemorning dead, heart failure having resulted from the poisonous perfume.

"There is poison in the perfume of many flowers, not in violets more than any others, but it is in such small quantities as to be harmless unless massed and confined. Prussic acid is found in a mild degree in most perfurnes, and it is used by many perfumers, in fact, to intensify odors. Other well-known medical poisons come from flowers. It is never safe to it is close and fits so snugly over the have any growing or cut flowers in a hips that it fastens by an invisible row sedroom at night, for you cannot tell when the system may be in such a condition as to be affected by their exbalations."-N. Y. Herald.

LUS JIM'S WAY

Farmer Receives the News of His Broth er's Death Without Surprise.

A short time ago I was deputed to bear the news of the death of a friend to his brother, who was a farmer in a rural district. I drove there in a wagon, and found him busy with his farm duties. The task of breaking the news was by no means pleasant to me, but I mun aged to explain my errand to him and told him that the funeral would be the next day.

He did not give vent to any remark able expression of grief, as I had expected, but simply said: "Wall,

Whether this is the proper thing to say upon learning of the death of a relative in the country I could not say, but I offered my sympathies to the man and said that I hoped he would come to the funeral.

the trouble is. Ye see, thar is that hull field of corn ter be got in, a bull field ter be plowed 'n like's not I'll be called on to 'tend a huskin' bee over ter Hiram Field's ter-morrer night. But I sin't much surprised. That war allus Jim's way. Allus so queer. Never given any warnin' 'bout what he's goin' ter do and then doin' it quick and suddint like. No. I dunno 'bout agoin' ter the funeral, but ef per was ter wait a few minutes till I ask maw, why, then mebbe I can let yer

I said that I would, and he started toward the house. In a short time I saw him emerge again and come toward me. When he arrived he said: "Wall, I guess I can manage ter come ter-morrer Maw, she mys as how there is a powerful sight ter be done, but then it don't seem ter her as quite right fer me notter go ter my own brother's funeral. So ye can tell them down that thet I'll be than ef it don't rain."

I told him that I would, and bade him good-by. The last thing I heard him say as I drove off down the road was: Tell them I'll be thar ef it don't rain."

His Family Sapling.
Social Aristograt-Did the founder of your family come over with the Con-

Social Democrat-No; I came over alone. - Bay City Cha

SPRAISE, SCHI PRET, CHAPTES. ond's

THE SULTAN A BAD DEBTOR. How He Made an American Lumber Fire Wait for Its Pay.

A certain lumber firm of this city more than two years ago shipped to the sultan of Turkey several thousand dollars' worth of its most valuable goods. The order included mahogany and ebony logs of unusual size and of the finest coloring and general quality that could be obtained. The payment. or rather the promise to pay, was for the shape of a draft on the sultan, the money to be forthcoming upon the arrival of the logs at Constantinople. Naturally the American firm regarded the imperial treasury of Turkey as good for the price of a shipment of lumber.

chony reached the Golden Horn and the Mediterranean Steamship company sent in to the shippers a gentle reminder that the settlement of freight charges was in order. But meanwhile nothing had been heard from the sultan or his agents and the New York lumber dealers did not fancy being held responsible for charges goods which were not yet paid for Cable dispatches and letters were sent to the porte, but the "Sick Man of Eu rope" was apparently too busy attending to his Armenian subjects to be able to look after such trifles as settling with American creditors. No satisfac tory response of any sort could be ob

Then the lumber firm made applica tion to Mavroyeni Bey, at that time the Turkish minister at Washington. He promised to see that his sovereign paid the bill without further delay, and the hopes of the dealers were again raised. But not even Mavroyeni Bey was able to open the sultan's purse strings. The Armenian question still absorbed his attention. Mavroyen Bey was recalled without having no complished this bit of work. The firm had a lawyer working on the case, but had for months practically abandoned all idea of getting the money.

On the last day of October, things took a most unexpected and joyful turn. Influenced afar off, it may be, by the prevailing American sentiment in favor of paying one's debts honestly, about noon on that day word was sent to the firm that the draft had been paid. Since then the actual money has been received.

The moral of the transaction would seem to be that, if you have business dealings with Abdul Hamid II., you must be content to wait awhile for your money, he being a slow debtor, Podgers was rather close in the most of

CONCERNING SKIRTS.

The Trained Evening Gown Is Noted

A word about skirts, which seem to

be in more of a transition state than

any other article of wearing apparel. There is the close, habit-like skirt, which is the extreme mode of the hour. of buttons in the back seam. The avorage fashionable skirt has the front plain and close-fitting on the hips, with the fullness thrown to the back, but with no stiffened outspreading godeta. These skirts clear the ground and are trim looking. Some of the newest tailor-made skirts show lengthwise trimmings. The side seams, for instanco are osnamented by two rows of inch-wide braid uniting in a clover leaf border at the hem. One modists describes the new skirt by saying that skirts standing out in points about the feet are things of the past and that the present shape is gracefully eased about the hips and full at the back, Many women welcome the return of the trained evening skirt, which was rendered impossible by the large circular skirts that have been so long in vogue, Trimmings, drapery and trains are all new features for evening dress skirts. The youthful dancing freek ekirt is a succession of flounces over a silk foundation. A pretty model has a blue silk foundation, with three overskirts of pale blue tulle falling over it.

Pettiocate that come next the dress can mover be too elegant for the tinction is made concerning diff ferent pettioonts as concerning different gowns. Those for morning wear under woolen dress are of mobair or alpaca, embellished with sev eral small flounces of the same, bound with velcet. For afternoon wear petticoats are of taffeta or broche satin with flounces of ailk and lace, full and fussy. For evening wear the beight ficont match the silk of dress. This trimmed with deep flounces edged with lace. For a grand ball for a bride the correct petticoat is of white silk or eatin profusely trimmed with lace and hows of white ribbon. A novelty was noted the other day in a sifk petficoat, the wide bottom flourne be trimmed with five or six tiny ruffles giving, of course, a very wide and full

HE KEPT THE LAND. Hezekiah Podgers Was a Very Mean Spir-Hed Man.

It was currently rumored in Hardcrabble that when Hezekiah Podgers got hold of a silver dollar be squeezed it so tight that the eagle on it had hard work to get its breath, let alone scream

This may have been an exaggeration,

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FI-RESOURCES ure and fixtures . 4,500.94 Cash and sight exchange State of Kansas, County of Sedgwick, ss.

I. F. B. Garcelon, cashier of said bank, to solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that said bank has no labilities of any character whatsoever not set forth in said statement.

F. R. GARCELON, Cashier.

Subscribed and aworn to before me this that day of December, 1898.

(Sea) GECO W. STEENROD, Notary Public (Commission expires on the 29th day of (Commission expires on the 25th day of September, 1857.) Correct—Attest: C. P. HYDE C. F. HYDE GEO. A. TAYER, S. R. AMIDON, Directors.

To John W. Breidenthal, Bank Commis-sioner, Topeka, Kansas. OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FInancial condition of the Commercial Bank, at Wichita, state of Kansas, at the close of business on the 19th day of December, 1896.

Loans and discount RESOURCES. Total LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in.
Updivided profits
Inclividual deposits
Demand cartificates

Total
State of Kansas, County of Sedgwick as.
I. J. A. Davison, cashier of said bank, do solemnly lever that the above statement is true, and that said bank has no liabilities of any character whatsoever not set forth in said statement.
J. A. DAVISON, Cashier.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this tild day of December, 188.
F. A. RUSSELL, Notary Public. (Commission expires on the 18th day of July, 1898.)
J. A. DAVISON, Owner.

It was said that he had occasionally been known to give something away but it such cases it was something that happened to be of no further use to his onelse theret as a wire cable attached t the gift. And sean instance of the latte people were fond of eiting the time he offered the hard-shell Baptists a free

plot of land for use as a cemetery. The society in question had raised the money and built a church and a committee had been appointed to visit Podgers, who owned several farms in the neighborhood, and ask him to deed to the shurch the land needed for a cometery. He had contributed nothing for the ballding fami, and on the ground that he was "land poor" and couldn't afford it, so the committee argued that it would be a benefit to him to give away some of his land, and besides be ought to do it anyway for the sake of

the church, Podgers held out for awhile, but finals ly a bright thought struck him and he gave in and said he would willingly

contribute the land on one condition The committee thanked Podgers ver profugely and then, while one of their number was drawing up the necessary writings another (who happened to think that perhaps it would be a good idea to find out) spoke up and asked

Podgers what his one condition was. "Wa-al," drawled Podgers, with ex-separating alowess, "my idear is jest this; You her seled me to—er—furnish the land fer yer buryin' ground free gratis, fer nothin', an' I am perfeckly willin' to de it on one condition-an that is, pervided Hank Jones (a member of the committee and proprietor of the rillage marble works) fornishes all the bradstones that go into it on the same

The committee adjourned without se curing the deed of the land .- N. Y.

An engineering work which may have considerable effect on coastwise freights is the reconstruction of the smal Swamp canal, which is designed to afford a waterway between the north and south sea coasts, avoiding the dangers of Hatterns. The canal is a historic one, having been begun in 1787 and constructed in ten years, largely by slave labor, to the depth of four feet and a width of 32 feet. It extends from Elizabeth City, near Nortolk, Va., to the bradwaters of the Pasquotank river. a distance of 22 miles, there connects ing with navigable streams which reach the ocean south of Hatterns. In its early years it paid dividends of 60 per cent. per ennum, and a share of its stocks was reckoned to be worth one hearty male slave. The present contract calls for a uniform depth of ten feet and a width of 60 feet, and the senture is backed by \$590,000 of Baltimore capital. The work is to be commenced by December 31, 1897 .- Chicago

Chronicle.